

## Whitewater Canal Trail

- The Whitewater Canal Trail travels through the heart of the Whitewater River Valley in Franklin County.
- From the historic grist Mill in Metamora to Butler Run Culvert in Brookville is 8 miles (railroad mile = trail miles).
- Two sections of the Canal Trail are open: 1) From Metamora to twin locks (3 miles in length from the grist mill; 2.5 miles from the trailhead.) From the Yellow Bank Traihead the trail is 3/4 miles in length.
- There is a gap of approximately 2 miles between Twin Locks and the Yellow Bank Trailhead
- The canal corridor from Laurel to Brookville was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.
- Property all along the corridor was deeded to state by the railroad, and by private individuals, with the specific purpose of preserving the canal, but there may be several gaps in the deeds, and a few abutting property owners contend that they own all or part of the corridor.

Public Road in Metamora

Completed Trail

Planned Trail

Rail and Canal are separate

## Status of Property from Shack Road to Yellow Bank Trailhead



See sheets, 6 - 8 of DNR deed map

Rail corridor only, east of Yellow Bank Creek. Curry on DNR deed map. Most likely Moster now

Rail corridor only, west of Yellow Bank Creek. US 52 right-of-way on north. Adjoins Roberts on south

Canal corridor only - covered by canal deeds

Rail & canal in same corridor. Various owners on north, Roberts on south. All covered by WCA quitclaims

Roberts claims ownership to centerline of canal from the south, and blocks trail construction

Roberts claims ownership to centerline of canal from the north and prohibits efforts to prevent further deterioration of Lock 23